

CLEVER CROOKS ESCAPE FROM THE WORKHOUSE

Saw Window Bars With a Piece of Tin.

By means of a small piece of tin, sharpened and used as a saw, Frank H. Bennett twenty years old, Michael Murphy twenty-three years old, and William Adams twenty-three years old, a trio of house breakers arrested during the G. A. R. encampment by Detective Sergeant McNamee and Lynch of Buffalo, New York, all professional thieves, made their escape from the District workhouse about 5 o'clock this morning. The men dropped a distance of 35 feet from their cell window to the ground and as yet nothing has been heard from them. Captain Boardman has detailed several detectives to hunt for the fugitives as they are thieves well known to the police all over the country, and two of them are badly wanted by the Buffalo police.

The escape of the prisoners will lead, it is believed, to rigid investigation into the system of guarding prisoners at the workhouse, and Major Sylvester this morning held an extended conference with Commissioner West on the subject. Superintendent Stoutenburgh is also making an investigation to find out who is responsible for the affair. The escape of the three men was a daringly clever one, and has never been duplicated in police annals. The men were arrested on suspicion on the day of the naval parade. A search of their persons showed that all had "guns." Adams broke from custody and endeavored to escape, but was captured by Detective McNamee. All were taken into court and identified as professional thieves, and they were given six months each for carrying concealed weapons. When their time was up they were to have been taken to Buffalo, N. Y., where they were wanted for housebreaking.

The character of the prisoners was well known to the local authorities and Major Sylvester notified Superintendent Stoutenburgh to keep the closest watch on them. According to that official the three men were placed in cell No. 1 on the second floor of the men's building. The cell has three beds and a small window facing the west. They were not allowed to write to anyone; receive messages, or indulge in exercise, but were kept locked up all of the time. One of the beds in the cell was pushed up against the window sill.

It is thought that Adams, whose bed it was, and who, it is said, was the leader of the three, cleverly sharpened a piece of tin he had secreted in the cell, against the iron bars. Both sides of the tin were folded, making an improvised saw. They smeared a salve on the saw and cell bar to prevent their operations being heard by the guards. About 5 o'clock this morning a prisoner whose cell is directly next to that occupied by the three men heard a noise. He, however, said nothing about it to anyone. About fifteen minutes past 5 o'clock this morning Night Watchman Marick on making his rounds looked in through the slats and saw the room empty. Upon going in, he discovered one of the iron bars had been sawed bent upward, while the other two were still in place. He saw the three men had slid to liberty. He at once awoke the other guards and a general alarm was sounded.

Superintendent Stoutenburgh was notified and made an investigation, at the same time ordering his guards to search the adjacent woods. This was done, but no one could be found who saw the fugitives. Lying close to the window through which the men clambered was the small piece of tin with an edge like a razor. Upon examining the broken bar it was found that the tin was the means of the prisoners' escape.

The circumstances surrounding their escape are of such a mysterious character that a rigid investigation will be made into the matter by the District Commissioners. The police believe that there was a pal on the outside who had other clothing for the fugitives when once they regained their liberty, and they entertain but slight hopes of recapturing the men. It is possible, however, that a reward will be offered for their capture.

In discussing the escape with a Times reporter this morning Superintendent Stoutenburgh said that he had been informed of the desperate character of the men and had ordered that they be placed in a room together and allowed no privileges. He said he would investigate the affair thoroughly, but thought that their escape was due to the poor facilities and inadequate number of guards maintained at the workhouse.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS RESORT TO SLUGGING

Western Collegians Turn Game Into Free Fight.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 16.—Three football players with broken limbs, one knocked senseless, the umpire knocked down and trampled upon, and many members of both teams with bloody noses or other wounds, was the result of the game between the University of South Dakota and the Omaha Medical College, Tuesday, on the Omaha grounds.

The medics lost 12-0. From the kick-off the contest developed into a rough and tumble riot. It was a bone crunching, flesh bruising, knockdown affair.

Shortly after the opening, Jungbluth, of Omaha, knocked Neveny senseless with a blow from his fist. The South Dakotans chased Jungbluth off the field, and substitutes were put in.

Olsen, of Dakota, grabbed Peterson by the throat and began strangling him. Olsen was knocked down and walked over. Captain Newcomb, of the South Dakotans, fell, and in a rough and tumble fight came out with a broken shoulder blade. Ely, of Omaha, was knocked down and trampled so badly that he had to retire.

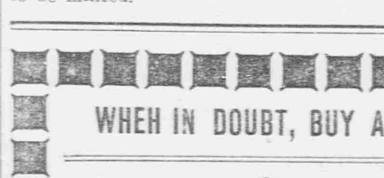
Thompson, of South Dakota, attacked Stewart, of Omaha, and was kicked in the side. One rib was broken and he was otherwise injured. Hanson, of South Dakota, was severely slugged. He was taken from the game.

Umpire Whittemore received a left hook on the jaw, but recovered and finished the game. The blow was given for calling one of the players a liar. Every man suffered so severely that all "subs" were used up, and two men from the spectators were called in to finish the game.

STAMPS FOR HONDURAS.

Consul W. E. Alger reports to the State Department from Puerto Cortez that the government of Honduras has decided to have its postage stamps and postal cards engraved abroad this year, and the work is to be done in the United States. It has also sent to Philadelphia and arranged for a supply of silver coin to be minted.

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PROSPECTING FOR OIL, GOLD IS DISCOVERED

A. F. Nash and M. O. Georgia Find Large Nugget.

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 16.—While prospecting in the town of Newfield, adjoining Ithaca for natural gas, A. F. Nash, of Ithaca, and M. O. Georgia, of the town of Newfield, discovered a large nugget which chemists from Syracuse University, have declared to be gold.

The nugget is as large as a walnut and the farmers who have been watching the movements of the two prospectors declare that they have seen many other nuggets of the same description, but never thought that they were valuable.

Already over 3,000 acres have been leased by these two men but they refuse to disclose the nature of their discoveries until every foot of the Newfield hills have been secured.

The farmers in that vicinity are now thoroughly excited over the reported discovery of the yellow metal.

PATENT OFFICE IMPROVEMENTS.

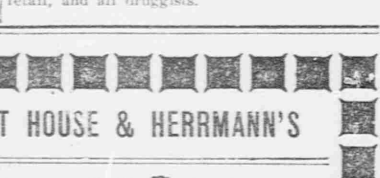
Bids were opened at the Interior Department yesterday for improvements in the heating system of the Patent Office and for appliances for better regulating the temperature in the building.

The work is divided into three contracts. There were several bidders for each. Pipes, fittings, and valves are to be in place within forty days; radiators in two weeks, and temperature regulators in four weeks. The pipes are also to be covered. The award will probably be made late this week.

The Secret of a Successful Merchant.

The success of a merchant depends largely upon his ability to please his customers. In order to do so he recommends only articles which are to his knowledge most reliable. In handling medicine this is especially true, as people desire the best preparation on the market and appreciate the recommendation of their druggist. Here is what V. J. Leight, of House Springs, Mo., says of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy: "I can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my customers to be second to none on the market. For cough with children there is nothing better." For sale by Henry Evans, 922 F Street northwest, wholesale and retail, and all druggists.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., POSTOFFICE. NOTICE. Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS are dispatched to the ports of sailing, and the schedule of closings is arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted onward transit. For the week ending October 19, 1902, the last connecting closes will be made from the MAIN OFFICE as follows:

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FRIDAY.—(a) At 7:15 p. m. for ITALY direct, per S. A. Ller, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per S. A. Ller."

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for NETHERLANDS direct, per S. S. Potomac, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per S. S. Potomac."

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(c) At 11:25 p. m. for COSTA RICA, per S. A. Valencia, from New York.

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for NEWFOUNDLAND, direct, per S. S. Silvia, from New York.

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for MEXICO, per S. S. Niagara, from New York, via Tampa. Mail must be directed "Per S. S. Niagara."

FRIDAY.—(a) At 12:00 p. m. for AZORES ISLANDS, per S. S. Vancouver, from Boston.

(c) At 12:00 p. m. for BERMUDA, per steamer from Halifax.

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for PORTO RICO, CUBA, and VENEZUELA, per S. S. Caracas, from New York.

(c) At 11:25 p. m. for SAVANNAH and CARTAGENA, direct, per S. S. Alai, from New York.

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